

Citizen, a good idea or a dangerous concept ? (1m30s).

Citizen was created in 2017 and exploded quickly in popularity. It's currently available in five big American cities (Los Angeles, San Francisco, Baltimore, Philadelphia and New York). Moreover, the application does exist today in numerous countries, all over the world.

From the beginning, Citizen was built with an emphasis on safety and awareness. That means everyone can for example, alert 911 in case of problem like burglary, accident, fire, etc... It's also easy to help a neighbor facing a threat, an assault or any trouble.

With Citizen, people can also help the police by giving clues, pictures, etc... For example in case of robbery, murder or missing people.

From all these reasons, the name of the app is correct, developing, citizenship, and we can say that it's a good idea.

However, the purpose of « safe city » can be quickly challenged by numerous situations less useful or questionable.

First, as said by Olivia Carville, the user of Citizen is in a constant state of anxiety because of that he's saw on the app (murders, fires, etc...). Moreover, the app becomes an instrument of delation as we can see through pictures, for example cars in infraction.

Citizen can create a society of surveillance where private life disappears, everyone watches everyone, and totalitarianism appears. Where is freedom ? It's a dangerous concept !